

NOTICES

Zoom Service Tuesday 25 January: The Conversion of Paul.

To mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are inviting different congregations from across the deanery to a simple service of prayers, readings, poetry, images and hymns.

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Meeting ID: 891 0896 3644 Passcode: 541741

Archdeaconry Days: God calls... everyone, everywhere.

Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February 2022. There will be written material available in church for those unable to access the on-line material

Those who took part last year will know how inspiring they were.

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/faith/everyday-faith/god-calls-everyone-everywhere/>

Post-Christmas gifts: Gifts of chocolates and hand cream are still being received - thank you all for your generosity (there are still two more Sundays in January to donate, if you wish to bring something!).

New Course: The Bereavement Journey. Fridays from 21 January 12.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Innox Hill, Frome - there are six sessions planned. Lunch is included and all are welcome, please call 07305 623160 to book.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 3 Feb 10.30am Holy Communion at St John's

Sat 5 Feb 9am FACT Prayers SJ

Thurs 17 Feb 7pm SJ PCC Meeting

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SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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9.45am Holy Communion St John's

Friday 21 January

12.30pm Bereavement Course at St Mary's (see notices)

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Tuesday 25 January

11am Julian Meeting

SJ

7pm Zoom Service; The Conversion of Paul (see notices)

Friday 28 January

9.30am SJ Reception Class visiting St John's

SJ

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

Candlemas

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion St John's

Third Sunday of Epiphany (Year C)

COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body',

that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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GOSPEL: Luke 4.14-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**